



# Community News

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## JANUARY 2026



### Draft Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Plan (2025-2040)

#### REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**Begins: 24 November 2025**  
**Ends: 19 January 2026**



Please ensure that any comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan are received by Wiltshire Council

**no later than 5pm on Monday 19 January 2026**

Further information including the submitted draft neighbourhood plan and how to comment can be found online:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-consultations>

Alternatively, if you have no access to the internet and you wish to view the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, a copy can be sent to you on request by calling neighbourhood planning on **01225 713591**. Or you can visit the following deposit points to view the Draft Neighbourhood Plan:

- The Swan, Grafton Road, Wilton, SN8 3SS
- Coronation Hall, The Green, East Grafton, SN8 3DB

Please be aware that all representations will be publicly available and may also appear on the Wiltshire Council website.

Following this consultation, the comments received will be passed to an independent neighbourhood planning examiner, to be appointed by the council, who will consider the representations and recommend whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan should be put to a community referendum.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Neighbourhood Planning on 01225 713591 or by email to [neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### Winter Warmers Community Lunch

Join your neighbours and friends and enjoy some great food at Coronation Hall

Tuesday 13 January at 12.30pm  
January's Menu

Baked sausages with double onion marmalade, mashed potato & peas  
Lemon Meringue Pie

The following lunch will be held on Tuesday 3 February at 12:30  
Everyone is very welcome

If you need more information please give me a call -  
Liz on 07831 545772

Please let me know if you have any dietary requirements  
Winter Warmers is held on the first Tuesday of the month over Autumn and Winter



**Welcome to 2026, but first.....**

Everyone at the Community News Team hopes you had a wonderful Christmas and wishes you all the best for 2026. We would also like to take this opportunity say a few thank yous.

Firstly to St Nicholas Church for a wonderful Christmas service, where around 160 Parishioners attended and sang Festive Carols.

Secondly to Father Christmas and his team for travelling around the Parish bringing delight to everyone on Christmas Eve, as well as arriving at The Swan on Christmas Day to deliver gifts to the children.

Thirdly to Bill and his team for hosting Father Christmas on Christmas Day and providing the traditional mulled wine and nibbles - delicious!

And finally, to the Team of helpers within our Parish who help create and deliver the Community News to everyone - we couldn't do it without you!

### New Year, New Beginnings

January often feels like a natural time for new beginnings, and it's the perfect moment to start - or return to - a regular exercise routine. After the festive season many of us feel the need to move a little more, breathe a little deeper and restore a sense of balance.

Yoga is a wonderful way to do just that. Its mindful approach helps ease stiff joints, strengthen muscles and calm a busy mind, making it ideal for starting the year on a positive note.

A weekly class also brings routine and connection, whether you're rolling out a mat in a gentle beginner session or exploring a flowing practice that builds energy and focus.

If you prefer something livelier, Zumba or Dance classes are brilliant alternatives - both combine movement with music to lift the spirits and get the heart pumping. Have a look at the Hall and Events Calendars on page 4 for more information.

Whatever activity appeals, January offers a fresh opportunity to invest in your wellbeing. Begin steadily, listen to your body and choose something you enjoy.

By the time spring arrives, you'll already feel the benefits - increased energy, improved mood and a renewed sense of vitality that will carry you through the year.

Tim Brew @ Timmy B Yoga

## Planning Applications

**Application Ref:** PL/2025/08977

**Deadline:** 13 January 2026

**Application Type:** Full planning permission

**Proposal:** Erection of 4 no. new dwellings with associated access, parking, landscaping and private amenity space.

**Site Address:** Land in East Grafton (to the north of the A338), East Grafton, SN8 3DB

**Application Ref:** PL/2025/08985

**Deadline:** 13 January 2026

**Application Type:** Full planning permission

**Proposal:** Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated access, parking, landscaping and private amenity space.

**Site Address:** Land in East Grafton, East Grafton, SN8 3DB



## Getting Outdoors



We are blessed with great walking across the Vale of Pewsey and in particular in Grafton Parish.

Walking is a low cost activity to take up - at this time of year some waterproofs and wellies are essential, but more importantly is having a route you can follow.

Visit Pewsey Vale (a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation which promotes the area) is a great source of walking routes for Grafton as well as further afield.

Have a look at [www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome](http://www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome) for one day or less walking routes, or go to

[www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/discover-pewsey-vale](http://www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk/discover-pewsey-vale) to see the three long-distance routes which can be done in stages over a period of time.

You will also find many of the routes in leaflet form at The Swan just inside the main entrance on the left.

## St Nicholas Church Update

St Nicholas had 3 successful services over the Christmas period. The Carol Service on Sunday 21 December saw a congregation of 120 in fine voice. On Christmas Day, 160 were in attendance for a wonderful service given by Rev. Jonathan Meyer (retired priest). On Sunday 28, we had the pleasure hosting the combined Savernake Team service, which saw a congregation of 42. Thanks to all that attended and come again (bring a friend). Finally, huge thanks to all those who keep our Church running throughout the year. Next Service is Holy Communion on 4 January at 1100.

## Bedwyn Link Scheme

The Bedwyn Link Scheme is a volunteer-run, good-neighbour charity in rural Wiltshire (covering Great & Little Bedwyn and surrounding villages). It provides essential transport and practical help, like taking elderly or infirm residents to shops, doctors, and hospitals - keeping communities connected.

Run by local volunteers with their own cars, it's a free service (donations welcome) for non-emergency needs, helping those with limited mobility access vital services and maintain independence.

You can also contact them and volunteer to help!

### Local Link Schemes are based on where an individual lives

#### The Bedwyn Link Scheme Information

Villages covered:

Great Bedwyn, Little Bedwyn, Chisbury,  
St Katharine's, Crofton, East Grafton,  
West Grafton, Marten, Wexcombe & Wilton

07717 006 787

## What's new at Unit 7, The Cattle Shed

**The Cattle Shed, Manor Farm, Wilton, SN8 3SP**

### Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 3pm to 5pm Saturday - 10am to 4pm

### Points mean prizes at Astute Canines

We now have a loyalty scheme available so why not come in and find out more.

### NEW Crafters at My Little Blue Duck

We are so pleased to welcome some new crafters to our shop. We have an amazing selection of jewellery, keyrings, horse shoe art, clay trinket dishes and so much more. Pop in and have a browse.

Keep an eye on our social media platforms to keep up to date with Unit 7.

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[mylittleblueduck@gmail.com](mailto:mylittleblueduck@gmail.com)

### - Pottery Taster Sessions -

### - Regular Classes -

### - Group Pottery Glazing Events -

### - Gift Vouchers -

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*Natalie Neal*  
Ceramics



The Studio  
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SN8 3BY

## Timmy B Yoga

**"I'm not flexible enough to do yoga!"**  
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**If you'd like to try yoga, now is the perfect**  
**time to start**

Weekly Classes in East Grafton

All Classes are open to beginners

New term starts 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Tues 7pm | Wed 9.30am | Thurs 7.30pm

Get in touch to book or ask questions

[tim.brew@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tim.brew@hotmail.co.uk)

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Full details at [www.timmybyoga.co.uk](http://www.timmybyoga.co.uk)



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# Dates for your diary

## Mobile Library

Information on the monthly Mobile Library Service can be found at [apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Library/Mobiles](http://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Library/Mobiles)

The next mobile library is on Wednesday 07 January at the Coronation Hall in East Grafton from 11.40 to 12 noon.

## Coronation Hall - Gazebo Hire

New covers have been purchased for the gazebo's and they are now able to be hired again! Please contact the Hall for further details:

[hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com) - 01672 216115 / 07479 281809

## January

07	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall
12	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Coronation Hall
13	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	Coronation Hall
19	17:00	Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation ends	

## February

01	11:00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas Church
03	12:30	Winter Warmers Lunch	Coronation Hall
04	11:40	Mobile Library	Coronation Hall

## Local Clubs

Windmill Society	<a href="mailto:secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk">secretary@wiltonwindmill.co.uk</a>
Horticultural Society	01672 810364 Marijke Craig
Crofton Beam Engines	<a href="mailto:crofton@katrust.org.uk">crofton@katrust.org.uk</a>
Baby & Toddler Group	<a href="mailto:graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk">graftongoslings@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Dance classes	07746 479345 Charlotte Price
Yoga	07747 780898 Tim Brew
Zumba	07710 115324 Joanna Bury

## Coronation Hall Regular Dates

Tuesday (weekly in term-time)	Zumba	09:30
Tuesday	Timmy B Yoga	19:00
Wednesday	Timmy B Yoga	09:30
Wednesday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	15:30
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Grafton Goslings	10:00
Thursday (weekly in term-time)	Charlotte Price	17:00
Thursday	Timmy B Yoga	19:30
Monday (1st & 3rd week in month)	Alzheimer's Cafe	13:15



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Please call to arrange an appointment for all aspects of chiropody or podiatric footcare required. Clinic based in Tidworth Leisure Centre with free parking

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## East Grafton Coronation Hall

To book Coronation Hall or to find details on how to hire trestle tables or Gazebos visit: [www.graftonparish.com](http://www.graftonparish.com) or contact as follows:

Email: [hall@graftonparish.com](mailto:hall@graftonparish.com) (anytime)

Call: 01672 216115 or 07479 281809 (9am to 6pm Monday to Friday)



## Village WhatsApp Groups

New to WhatsApp? We can help - just get in touch

Text or WhatsApp to join:

East Grafton: Tamara 07711 824864 Marten: Richard 07795 636767

West Grafton: Annie 07802 923344 Wilton: Tara 07833 320951

Wexcombe: George 07786 332950



[facebook.com/GraftonParishCommunityNews](http://facebook.com/GraftonParishCommunityNews)

Deadline for content for the next issue is Friday 30 January

Email [news@graftonparish.co.uk](mailto:news@graftonparish.co.uk) to contact the Community News team. Check [www.graftonparish.com/community-news/](http://www.graftonparish.com/community-news/) for advertising rates and advertisement format specifications.